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In re Application of
Christopher Pierrat and Nanseng Jeng
Application No. 09/031,639
Filed: February 27, 1998
Attorney Docket No. 303.311US1
For: Method for Optimizing Printing of an
Alternating Phase Shift Mask Having a
Phase Shift Error

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: DECISION GRANTING
: STATUS UNDER
: 37 CFR 1.47(a)

This is a decision on the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed January 27, 2000.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application was filed on February 27, 1998, without an executed oath or declaration. Accordingly, on June 3, 1998, a "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" was mailed. In response, on October 5, 1998 (certificate of mailing date of October 1, 1998), a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) was filed along with a declaration executed by joint inventor Pierrat. The petition was dismissed because the address on the oath for the non-signing inventor differed from the last known address listed in the petition.

The instant renewed petition adequately explains the discrepancy in the addresses listed in the declaration and prior petition. Specifically, petitioner states that the address on the oath was correct at the time joint inventor Pierrat signed the oath. Petitioner also states that the non-signing inventor's address changed after the oath was signed but before the petition was filed.

For the foregoing reasons, the papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the address given in the petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

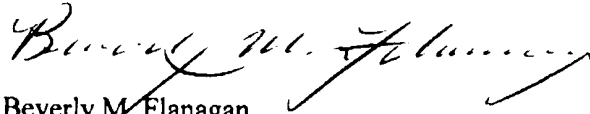
After this decision is mailed, the above-identified application will be forwarded to to Publishing Division for processing into a patent.

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